

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SHARROD MOTEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL, *et al.*,

Defendants.

1:25-cv-00188-EPG (PC)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

(ECF No. 4)

AND

ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT
OF THE **REMAINDER** OF INMATE FILING
FEE BY KERN VALLEY STATE PRISON

Plaintiff Sharrod Moten is confined at Kern Valley State Prison and is proceeding *pro se* in this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff initiated this action by filing his complaint in the Central District of California on October 29, 2024, under the case number 2:24-cv-09419. (*See* docket). On November 18, 2024, Plaintiff filed a motion to *proceed in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 4), which the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California granted on December 2, 2024 (ECF No. 5). Pursuant to this order, the court for the Central District collected \$102.67 (ECF Nos. 8, 10, 11, 12) between December 9, 2024 and February 5, 2025. At this time, the remaining fee balance is **\$247.33**.

On February 11, 2025, the case was transferred to the Eastern District of California. (ECF No. 13). Having reviewed Plaintiff's IFP application (ECF No. 4), this Court agrees that Plaintiff has made the showing required by § 1915(a) and his request to proceed *in forma pauperis* will be

1 granted in this district as well. Plaintiff is obligated to pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00 for
 2 this action, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), **with credit given for the payments he already made** to the
 3 U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Plaintiff is obligated to make monthly
 4 payments in the amount of twenty percent of the preceding month's income credited to Plaintiff's
 5 trust account. The Kern Valley State Prison is required to send to the Clerk of the Court for the
 6 U.S. District Court for the **Eastern** District of California payments from Plaintiff's account each
 7 time the amount in the account exceeds \$10.00, until the statutory filing fee is paid in full.
 8 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- 9 1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 4) is **GRANTED**;
- 10 2. The Kern Valley State Prison or designee shall **STOP** collecting payments and
 11 sending them to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California,
 12 Case No. 2:24-cv-09419.
- 13 3. **The Kern Valley State Prison or designee shall collect payments from**
 14 **Plaintiff's prison trust account in an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of**
 15 **the preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's trust account and**
 16 **shall forward those payments to the Clerk of the Court for the Eastern**
 17 **District of California each time the amount in the account exceeds \$10.00, in**
 18 **accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), until a total of \$247.33 has been**
 19 **collected and forwarded to the Clerk of the Court. The payments shall be**
 20 **clearly identified by the name and number assigned to this action.**
- 21 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order and a copy of
 22 Plaintiff's *in forma pauperis* application (ECF No. 4) on Kern Valley State Prison
 23 3000 West Cecil Avenue, Delano, CA 93216-6000.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Eric P. Goss
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE